

# INDEPENDENCE PARTY OF MINNESOTA

January 27, 2001

Federal Election Commission  
Attn Scott B. Walker  
Reports Analysis Division  
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Washington DC 20463

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Dear Scott:

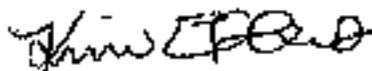
This letter is in response to your request for clarification of administrative expenses included in our April Quarterly Report (1/1/00-3/31/00). Our FEC identification number is C-00305268.

Our Party is comprised of all volunteers. We have no paid staff members. Our elected officers keep their respective records in their homes. We hold meetings in public places such as libraries and fire stations because we don't officially have an office. We do pay for an answering service that records messages from callers. Since we are a small group and do not operate as most other larger political parties, we do not incur the usual administrative expenses that larger parties might.

Currently, there is a dispute within our Party regarding reimbursement of our State Party Chair for expenses that include mileage, phone bills, office supplies and rent. Since this issue still hasn't been resolved yet, we have only reimbursed him for mileage so far. There are numerous members of our party who will not authorize payment of other expenses for which our Chair has requested reimbursement. Their contention is that he was not authorized by our Executive Committee to incur these expenses on behalf of our Party. Since this is still very much an ongoing dispute, I have not included the outstanding balance our Chair claims to be owed on any report filed with the Federal Election Commission. Please advise if this was the correct action to take.

Please feel free to contact me at 507/931-0051 if you have any questions regarding this letter. Thanks so much for your help. Take care.

Sincerely,



Kim Ehlers  
Treasurer

